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SUBJECT: Scheduling of National Level Intelligence Estimates and Memorandums (U)

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*MAY GIVE OUR
ANALYSIS TROUBLE,
BUT A USEFUL
SUGGESTION FROM DCI'S
COMMAND VIEWPOINT*

TO: Mr. E. H. Knoche
Acting Director of
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2. (S) It is recommended that the NFIB consider scheduling selected national level intelligence products for completion prior to beginning preparations of future testimony before Congress and final DOD budget decisions. While I realize that NIE's normally are not repeated on a regular basis, the following NIE's would be more useful if they were updated annually with completion dates as near to October as possible: NIE 11-3/8; NIE 11-4, "Soviet Strategic Objectives"; NIE 11-14, "Warsaw Pact Forces Opposite NATO"; NIE 35/36-1, "Middle East Military Balance 1976-1981"; and NIE 13, "PRC Defense Policy and Armed Forces."

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